

PUT TO QUEER USE

PICTURES DIVERTED FROM THEIR PRIME PURPOSE.

Have Been Known to Aid Greatly in Conviction of Criminals—Once Efficacious in the Collection of Debts.

Though the prime purpose of pictures is to please and instruct, they have at times been diverted to other uses. During the recent hearing of a case at a London police court a witness gave evidence that the prisoner who was charged with attempted murder and suicide, had drawn his attention to a couple of pictures on the backs of which, written in pencil, was a statement by the accused setting forth the reason for his premeditated crime.

Here now pictures have been enlisted in Hymen's cause. That celebrated painter of flower and figure subjects William Hunt, was on one occasion commissioned by a gentleman to paint his portrait in the attitude of kneeling and holding in his hand an open scroll whereon was written a declaration of love and offer of marriage. The lady to whom this unusual proposal of marriage was sent replied with a chalk drawing of herself with a sheet of paper in her hand on which was inscribed a laconic "Yes."

As debt collectors, too, pictures have proved efficacious. Eddy, when a young man, received an order from certain Marybone tradesmen to make a dozen caricature sketches of a resident of the locality who was notably averse to settling his accounts. These portraits when finished were displayed in the windows of their subject's long-suffering creditors, who refused to remove them from the public gaze until their bills were paid. Seeing no way of escaping ridicule save by yielding to their just demands, the gentleman, on condition that the objectionable portraits were destroyed, agreed to discharge his debts.

Soon after he settled in London, Sir Thomas Lawrence, then a mere youth, was a witness to a dastardly

assault on a lady by a ruman, who managed to make good his escape, not, however, before he had been well noted by the young artist, who, at once returning to his studio, drew from memory a speaking portrait. This, which he handed to the police, was the means of bringing the criminal to justice.

That wayward genius, George Morland, was often sore pressed for money to pay his debts. On one occasion he stayed at an inn where he speedily ran up an account which he was unable to meet. He offered a picture in payment, but Boniface shook his head. Suddenly, however, his eye brightened, and he invited the artist to step into his yard, where, he trusted, means of settlement might be found. Morland did so, and a few days later received his bill receipted. The following Sunday mine host appeared at church in a truly novel waistcoat, being nothing less than the painter's payment, which, stretched across his ample chest, displayed to the amazed congregation the picture of a gigantic pig.—Pittsburg Bulletin.

Winter Drainage Suggestion.

Winter drainage is not the same as summer drainage, and it must be attended to very carefully at this closing up season. In summer we simply want capacious tiles running through the soil capable of keeping it from being waterlogged, and we want a sloping of drives so that swift showers shall be carried quickly by surface ditches. But in winter, there is often a body of melting snow very suddenly let loose, that will wash the best soil off your land, tear gutters through your strawberry beds, and possibly even heave out your young trees. It is extremely important just as you wind up your work, to cut surface drains of a temporary sort, where the slopes are likely to be washed, and so as to catch the flush of water before it accumulates, and throw it out of your garden and off your lawn. These superficial drains can be closed in the spring, or, if left at all, can be modified to very shallow and almost unnoticeable sluices.—Outing Magazine.

Bob Hamilton, of Claflin was in town Wednesday.

Grant File was over from Hoisington Wednesday visiting relatives.

L. J. Barker returned home Wednesday from a business trip in the east.

Mrs. G. F. Starr of Scott City, is visiting her son George and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Button, of Clarence, visited with relatives here Wednesday.

Mrs. C. H. Young, of Hoisington, and her guest, Mrs. E. H. Hill of Alden, visited friends here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Riegel are here from Offerle for a visit with relatives in this city and south of the river.

Rev. E. S. McCartney of Minburn, Iowa, visited Wednesday with Mrs. Henrietta Meek and family. Mr. McCartney was returning from a visit in New Mexico.

C. L. McComas, of Pontiac, is here visiting his old friend, Walter Connell. Mr. McComas is looking at land and we hope he will be favorably impressed with this county.

Miss Cassie McCellan returned this week from Fowler, Ind where she has been spending the summer. Miss McCellan will again make her home with Mrs. Fred Brown.

Jake Alefs, this week, purchased a quarter block of ground in the west part of town from Henry Harper. It is not known whether Jake intends moving to town.

Constantine Schneider, cashier of the Brinkman-Brack State bank of Olmitz, was in town Wednesday.

Hill Mettill was in from west of town Wednesday with a fine load of potatoes. They brought a good price.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Woodburn and family left Monday for Burrows, Ind., for a few weeks' visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reed and little daughter of Topeka are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Clancy and family.

Joe Walter ent to Topeka Wednesday to attend the meeting of the State Council of Administration of the G. A. R.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Morrison went to Denver this week to attend the wedding of their nephew, Bruce Morrison to a society girl of Denver. Bruce is well-known here.

Theo. Wagner, formerly a Lakin township resident, but now a prosperous farmer near Alva, Okla., is upon a visit to old friends, and was a Great Bend caller Wednesday.

W. L. Amend and wife, of Sterling, are visiting his mother, Mrs. Amend and son Walter of this city.

E. B. Russell on Wednesday sold three car loads of young cattle to Fred Frankhauser of Hill Top, Kansas.

Dressmaking—We are prepared to do all kinds of sewing. Mrs. C. J. Crowley, 1116 Hubbard St.

COSTLY ENGLISH LAW SUITS.

The Wardrobe of a Judge Costs Considerably Over \$2,500.

An English judge's outfit in the way of robes imposes a heavy tax upon the newly-appointed judge, although the cost is not nearly so great as it was in the early days of Queen Victoria.

Then it was the custom for the law luminaries to attend court functions in figured damask silk gowns, with costly lace bands and ruffles. Thesiger, a celebrated legal dignitary of that day, is said, on one occasion, to have spent \$500 on bands alone.

The lord chancellor's robes cost something like \$750, and even a judge's stockings are an expensive item.

The wardrobe of a judge costs anything from \$2,500 to \$3,000, and if the newly-dedged "my lord" is attached to the king's bench division he will require five gowns, a girdle, a scarf, a casting-hood, a black cap, a three-cornered cap, a leather hat, a cocked hat, a silk hat, lace bands, and two full court suits, swords, etc., to keep up the majesty of the law.

Prior to the reign of George III nearly all professional men wore wigs of some sort, but the custom fell into disuse, and the bench and bar alone now stick to the conservative peruke.

Not many years ago Mr. Justice Kekewich positively refused to hear a barrister who was attired in a gray suit.

Another well-known barrister was quite recently pleading before Mr. Justice Darling, who has a keen sense of humor. The barrister, who wore a sporting waistcoat of a loud type, was suffering from such a severe cold that it affected his voice; he, however, did his best to speak clearly, when Mr. Justice Darling broke in with:

"Excuse me, but owing to your voice being so weak and your waistcoat being so loud, unless you try and overcome the loudness of your waistcoat by putting a little more force into your voice, I am afraid I shall not be able to hear a word you say."—Stray Stories.

PILES get immediate relief from Dr. Shoop's Magic Ointment.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION

OF THE
Brinkman-Brack State Bank,
At Olmitz, State of Kansas, at the close of business on the 1st day of September, 1908.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$65,948.72
Overdrafts	2,097.38
Expense account	4,682.79
Cash and sight exchange, legal reserve	105,725.85
Total	\$178,454.74
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$10,000.00
Surplus fund	5,000.00
Interest	5,707.18
Exchange	300.00
Individual deposits	93,347.28
Certificates of deposit	53,982.28
Total	\$178,454.74

State of Kansas, County of Barton, I, C. Schneider, cashier of said bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true; that said bank has no liabilities, and is not indebted on any note or obligation, other than shown on the above statement, to the best of my knowledge and belief. So help me God.

C. SCHNEIDER, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 5th day of Dec. 1908.
ARTHUR E. TAYLOR, Notary Public.
(Commission expires on the 20th day of June 1909.)

CORRECT: Attest:
PETER BRACK
J. GEO. BRINKMAN } Directors,
ARTHUR E. TAYLOR }

William Bakemeier went to Pawnee Rock Wednesday to look after his farms in that vicinity.

Miss Cora Shaffer returned from Shaffer, Kans., Wednesday, where she has been visiting relatives.

Mrs. G. L. Chapman returned Tuesday from Chicago and Fremont, Michigan where she was visiting relatives.

E. C. Hickey, C. H. Ochs, Adolph Stos, Frank Popishell, John Bittner, Adolph Rabensifer and John Meitner were visitors from the Olmitz vicinity Tuesday.

E. J. Eveleigh, the merchant of Boyd, was in town Wednesday.

They All Come to the Big Fire Sale

Why? Because the Best Bargains ever offered in Western Kansas are now being sold at this store. Our recent fire water-damaged a lot of our stock which is being sold at prices that are bringing people from every part of the county and many from adjoining counties. Good merchandise was never sold as cheap as it is now being sold at this store. There is not an item in the Clothing or Shoe line that we can not save you from 50 to 75 per cent---Try it and see.

See The Big Bargains That We Are Offering This Week!

If You Want to Get Some of These Plums You Will Have to Hurry, as the Lines Are Getting Very Low.

HATS	
\$5.00 Hats will be sold for	\$2.50
4.00 " " " "	2.00
3.50 " " " "	1.75
3.00 " " " "	1.50
2.50 " " " "	1.25
2.00 " " " "	1.00
1.50 " " " "	.75c
1.09 " " " "	.50c

One lot of Men's Heavy Wool Socks worth 35c pr, will be sold for only 20c pair.

Good heavy Duck Vests, Blanket lined, that sold for 1.00 each, will be 35c.

One lot of Children's Sweater Coats, several shades, that sold for 50c, for 25c each.

One lot of Men and Boys heavy Flannel Gloves and Gauntlets for 5c pair.

One big lot of Men's Fine Flannel Shirts that are worth \$1.50 to \$2.50, for \$1.25.

One lot of Men's White Handkerchiefs worth 10c, will go at 6 for 25c.

1 lot of Yellow Slickers, Fish brand, worth \$2.75, for \$2.25.

5 dozen pairs Men's Work Pants, all sizes, sold for \$1 pair, will go for 55c pair.

10 dozen Men's Work Pants, \$1.25 and \$1.50 values, will be sold for 70c pair.

5 dozen Men's Work Pants that sold for \$1.75 and \$2, will be sold for \$1.00.

3 dozen Men's Corduroy Pants that sold for \$3.50 and \$4.00, will be sold for \$2.50.

15 dozen good heavy Bib Overalls, sold for 75c, for 45c pair.

UMBRELLAS	
\$6.00 Umbrellas will go for	\$3.00
5.00 " " " "	2.50
4.00 " " " "	2.00
3.50 " " " "	1.75
3.00 " " " "	1.50
2.50 " " " "	1.25
2.00 " " " "	1.00
1.00 " " " "	.50c

10 dozen Good Shirts for Men and Boys, all sizes, some of 'em have been wet, many in perfect condition, sold from 50c to \$1.50, all go for only 25c each.

All Overcoats, both Men's and Boys, cut Nearly One-Half! Every Suit in the House, Men, Boys, Children, cut Nearly One-Half!

We are showing an immense line for the Holiday Shopper at the same cut prices. Holiday Suspenders in fancy boxes, Neckwear, Leather Collar and Shoe Bags, Mufflers in silk and wool, Pajamas, Fancy Night Robes, Silk and Glove in fancy boxes, Bath Robes, Smoking Jackets, Sweater Coats, Bags and Suit Cases. Every one of the above articles at nearly One-Half the price you have been paying.

Shirt Special

One big lot of Men's Winter Shirts that sold from 50c to \$1--shirts only--bought as samples, no two alike, to see them is to buy them. Your choice for 45c.

Ed. S. Nic. J.
Marx & Berscheidt
The GOOD CLOTHES STORE
Great Bend, Kans.
A GOOD PLACE TO TRADE

Extra Special!

Just received by express one lot of Ladies' Pure Silk Hose, in Black and Fancy Shades, are easily worth \$1.50 a pair, but while they last they go for \$1.00 a pair.